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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: POLISH INTEREST IN COOPERATION WITH THE US IN COAL AND
 NUCLEAR RESEARCH

1. TWO OFFICIALS OF THE INSTITUTE OF NUCLEAR RESEARCH, MINISTRY OF POWER AND ATOMIC ENERGY, CALLED ON THE SCICOUNS AT THEIR REQUEST JANUARY 13 TO INQUIRE INFORMALLY ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES OF DEVELOPING FURTHER COOPERATION ON COAL AND NUCLEAR RESEARCH WITH US AGENCIES, ESPECIALLY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY. THE MEMCON IS BEING POUCHED.
 2. REGARDING COAL RESEARCH, THEIR INTERESTS CENTERED ON BROWN COAL, WHICH IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THEIR MINISTRY, WHEREAS HARD COAL FALLS UNDER THE MINISTRY OF MINING. THEY REFERRED TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S REMARKS ABOUT BROWN COAL AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE IN WARSAW ON DECEMBER 30, IN PREFACING THEIR JUDGMENT THAT POSSIBILITIES EXIST FOR "VERY FRUITFUL" AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL COOPERATION CONCERNING BROWN COAL. THEY MADE NO REFERENCE TO THE DISCUSSION ABOUT FURTHER COOPERATION IN COAL RESEARCH AT THE MEETING DECEMBER 30 BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER WOJTASZEK, AND MAY WELL HAVE BEEN UNAWARE OF IT.
 3. I PLAN TO ASK WOJTASZEK SOON WHAT PLANS THE POLISH SIDE HAS REGARDING THE FORMATION OF A HIGH-LEVEL GROUP TO STUDY FURTHER COOPERATION IN COAL RESEARCH, AS AGREED UPON AT THAT
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MEETING AT HIS SUGGESTION. MEANWHILE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS BY DOE ON THE PARTICULAR INQUIRY DESCRIBED IN THE MEMCON.
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